

Children with Complex Trauma Task and Finish Group

Notes of meeting on 20 May 2025

Held 10:00 – 11:00, virtually via MS Teams

Chair

Ailsa Swarbrick, Deputy Director, Children Young People and Perinatal, NHS England

Sarah Jennings: Deputy Director, Looked After Children Division, Department for Education

Attendees

- Alisa Swarbrick – National Health Service England
- Sarah Jennings – Department for Education
- Caroline Twitchett – National Health Service England
- Prathiba Chitsabesan - National Health Service England
- Department for Education Officials
- Department of Health and Social Care Officials
- Ministry of Justice Officials
- NHS England Officials
- Children's Commissioner's Office Officials

Introductions

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Reflections on Update Paper:

The Chair gave a brief overview of the progress on activities covered in the update paper before giving members the opportunity to raise any points.

South-East Regional Care Co-operative

Guest speakers from the Regional Care Co-operative (RCC) team in the South-East provided an overview of the work, strategic priorities and successes to date. Members were given the opportunity to raise any points.

Test and Learn:

A DfE official gave an overview of the progress of test and learn project taking place in the South-East RCC. This has three elements, a multi-disciplinary commissioning team and an assessment of needs tools, and intensive in-reach. The testing is taking place within an integrated care board footprint in 2025/26. Members were given the opportunity to raise any points.

AOB:

The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their attendance and indicated that the next meeting will be 16 September 2025 and will cover the research findings and the progress made by the peer collaborative which is facilitated by Nuffield Family Justice Observatory.